

County VENTURA
System Improvement Plan Approval Document
Submitted September 30, 2004

Program Areas	Improvement Plan			Anticipated Date of Completion
	Required*		Strategy	
	Yes	No		
Safety:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recurrence of Maltreatment		√	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Develop SDM policies and procedures and integrate into existing DCFS policy and procedures manualTrain CFS social workers/supervisors in SDM process and useOrient and educate partners regarding purpose and use of SDM (court personnel, shelter care staff, staff of other programs/agencies providing services to children and familiesMonitor implementation and use of SDM for quality controlEstablish basis for augmenting Drug Court servicesComplete and submit application to State for grant funds to support augmentation of Drug Court servicesFamily to FamilyWraparound	April 2005 December 2004 Operational Operational
			<i>Data reports, Safe Measures and contact with county will be used to monitor progress.</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Abuse/Neglect in foster care		√		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Timely ER Response (process measure)	√		<ul style="list-style-type: none">Training on accurate and timely data entry provided to staff	August 2004
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Social Worker Visits with child (process measure)		√	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Training on accurate data regarding exceptions to less than monthly visits provided to staffEstablished monthly review of all social worker visit schedules by supervisors	August 2004 Operational

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Permanency				
• Time to Reunification		√		
• Time to Adoption		√		
• Placement Stability	√		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and implement procedures for conducting Team Meetings Develop Team Decision Making policies/procedures Develop protocol for collecting and managing information related to TDM and overall TDM implementation Select and train TDM facilitators Train SW staff and partners Develop county's existing multidisciplinary assessment process used to identify and describe needs of children and their families Develop and implement protocol for obtaining information for characteristics of caregivers Develop and implement set of decision rules matching child/caregiver based on assessed needs of child/family, characteristics and abilities of caregiver and availability of resources to support the placement Develop/implement protocol for assuring child receives good "hand-off" to selected (matched) caregiver Develop resources, training and services available to resource families to support placements 	September 2005
			Contact with county will be used to monitor progress.	
• Foster Care re-entry	√		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop SDM policies and procedures and integrate into existing DCFS policy and procedures manual Train CFS social workers/supervisors in SDM process and use Develop and implement procedures for conducting Team Meetings 	April 2005 September 2005

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Team Decision Making policies/procedures Develop protocol for collecting and managing information related to TDM and overall TDM implementation Select and train TDM facilitators Train SW staff and partners 	
			<i>Contact with county will be used to monitor progress.</i>	
Well-Being				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preserving family relationships 				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Least Restrictive Placements 				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICWA Placements 				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ILP 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review, revise and develop ILP goals and policies Review, revise as needed and implement ILP procedures Review and revise existing procedure for enrolling youths in ILP and maintaining their participation in program Review and revise existing policy/procedures for convening Emancipation Conferences for youth enrolled in the ILP 	March 2005
			<i>Contact with the county will be used to monitor progress</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health & Education Passport 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop protocol for educating caregiver regarding HEP system and requirements; ensuring that each caregiver receive HEP when child placed Develop sampling method for auditing contents of HEPs to determine completeness 	March 2005
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Systemic				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Statewide Information System				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Case Review System				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Quality Assurance System				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Training				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Service Array				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Agency Responsiveness to the Community				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Foster and Adoptive Parent Licensing, Recruitment and Retention				

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